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In re Application of: Raymond F. Cracauer
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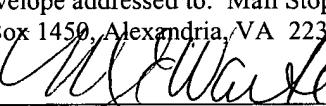
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
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The following communication is filed in conjunction with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), and is responsive to the Office Action mailed July 14, 2004. A petition for two months extension of time, from October 14, 2004 to December 14, 2004, is included herewith.

In accordance with the procedure for Revised Amendment Practice under 37 C.F.R. 1.121, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.